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In re Application of:

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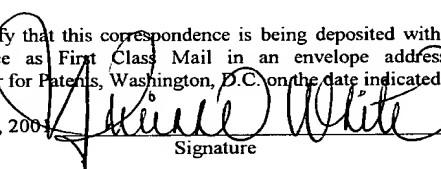
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the reference(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkens & Gilchrist Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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